

What Is Claimed Is:

1. An on-demand camera relay method, comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of video cameras, each having remotely operable directional devices, and an audio input device in front of a stage or field;

transmitting an output from the plurality of cameras and from the audio input device to a plurality of viewers via a broad band electronic communication circuit network; and,

allowing each viewer to operate said directional devices using a receiving device each viewer has which displays the transmitted images and sound.

2. An on-demand camera relay device, comprising a plurality of video cameras which can be remotely operated via communication circuits.

3. The on-demand camera relay device according to claim 2, comprising a plurality of units, each of which comprises a camera which has a lens part and an image-capture element; a remotely operable directional device, on which the camera is mounted so as to make it possible to point the camera in an arbitrary direction; and a signal processing part connected to the camera and having an output circuit to process electrical signals from the camera.

4. The on-demand camera relay device according to claim 3, wherein said camera and said output circuit are provided separately and are connected by a cable.

INS A1 > 5. The on-demand camera relay device according to any of claim 3 or 4, wherein said units further comprise remotely operable audio input devices.

6. The on-demand camera relay device according to any of claim 3 to 5, wherein said units are connected to receiving devices which output images for viewers in a one-to-one relationship.

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